

# Communism and Democracy

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I have had a desire for a long time to address the people of America on the above subject. I have so far kept silent because America does not know me and I thought that she would probably not listen to what I had to say. But now so critical a time has come that I feel I should discharge my duty so that I may be absolved before God.

O People of America! I say to you that Communism is an evil of which notice was given long ago first by Ezekiel, then by John in the Book of Revelation, then by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) in the Holy Quran and in his talks. In our own age the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) warned against it from 1903 to 1907 through his revelations. After that the warning is being continued through his Successor and Promised Son i.e., myself. I do not wish to set out all these communications here. I quote here just one revelation which the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) received in 1904. That revelation is as follows:—

"An Eastern Power and Korea's critical condition." (*Tazkira*, page 478, and *Al-Hakam*, July 10, 1905).

This revelation, which has been repeatedly published during forty-six years, indicates that Korea is to become an important area and that an Eastern Power is to give its affairs a dangerous turn. Every statesman acquainted with world affairs knows that Russia has been trying for the past few years to make herself an Eastern Power and the Russian political documents of the twentieth century throw particular light on this point. I reserve for some other occasion the mention of further revelations in this connection as well as the ways by which this menace could be successfully averted. For the present I shall describe two visions of mine. The first, I saw in the beginning of 1943. I saw that Russian influence would permeate China (it should be noted that this vision was seen at a time when Russia was being defeated by Germany and no one at that time could even think of her subsequent advancement and that China would seek the help of England who

would show indifference. Subsequent events have proved the truth of this vision. Russia survived the German attack, then she grew strong and secured great influence in China. China sought the help of England and America. The latter helped China but England remained indifferent. So the struggle was not successful and Communism prevailed in China. (This vision of mine was published in the daily *Al-Fazal*, April 14, 1943, Page 4.)

The second vision which I saw was as follows:—I saw that there were three niches in a mountain. Russia stood in the central niche, America on the south and England on the north. Both of them fired at Russia but she received no injury. England then beckoned that I should help. I also fired at Russia but without success. Russia then got out of her niche and began to run; I pursued her and overtook her at some distance. She stopped in front and stood facing me boldly and said, "Fire at me by all means but there is a time fixed for me and no one can kill me before that time." I fired at her in the stomach. Though all the shots disappeared into her body yet she received no injury. Then she walked away. (Details were published in the daily *Al-Fazal*, August 23, 1946). There are several other visions of mine which were published many years before. They indicate that in the beginning several attacks upon Russia would remain unsuccessful but in the end through my prayers and the prayers of my Community God will destroy her. (In this connection also there is a vision which I saw in 1915; it has been published many times in Ahmadiyya literature).

What I mean by referring to these visions here is that the matter has been decided in the Higher World and that heavenly plans rather than human plans will solve this problem. Hence America should first of all give ear to the voice of God and work a spiritual revolution within herself.

There is also another reason for my sympathy with America in her present difficulties. Of all the Western countries America is the one that has so far listened to the voice of Ahmadiyyat more than any other. Up to this time hundreds of American citizens have accepted, and are continuing to accept, Ahmadiyyat. So on account of these

spiritual children of mine whose happiness is bound up with the happiness of America and whose sorrow would be the sorrow of America I am solicitous of the happiness and success of America from the bottom of my heart.

I also wish to draw the attention of the Government of the United States and its citizens to the fact that heavenly decisions do not mean that man should do nothing or should follow a wrong course. After a heavenly decision man's responsibility is in fact enhanced and it becomes his duty to adopt the right kind of measures for the achievement of that purpose. Hence the people of America should at this critical juncture have recourse to the right kind of measures so that the grace of God may descend upon them. I wish to offer them my advice in connection with a few important matters. It is as follows:—

1. Principles are superior to money. Money cannot produce the sincerity and enthusiasm which are born of conviction in principles. After deep study I have come to the conclusion that Russia fabricates currency notes of different countries and then circulates them among the Communist workers of those countries and thus supplies them with money for those areas. This is not the time to state reasons and proofs. Suffice it to say that on the basis of my enquiries in this direction I am convinced that the above conclusion is quite correct. But in spite of this it cannot be said that Russia is opposing the Democracies with money. America sought to support the Government of Chiang Kai-Shek with financial help but in spite of investing a good deal of capital for this purpose she could not succeed. The reason for this was that Russia was fighting for principles and principles, whether right or wrong, when they carry conviction, overcome all monetary considerations. The same thing happened with France in Indo China and the same thing is happening with the English in Malaya. Now the same lesson is being repeated in Korea. So I offer this advice: Give economic help by all means but emphasize more on producing the conviction in every country that its freedom is in its own hands. Forget all party feeling. If America had not supported Syngman Rhee so strongly and if America had helped the anti-Communist party in South Korea even if it was against America, the state of Korea would have been quite different from what it is now. South Korea is greater than

North Korea in area and population. If Russia supplied North Korea with war material and equipment America helped South Korea in the same manner. But the difference was that South Korea had no conviction of principle. A part of it was labouring under the misconception that America was taking part in Korean affairs for her own benefit. In the presence of this suspicion their conviction could not be sincere. So they were unable to fight as one united party when the war started, and thus met with defeat. The same is the case with Germany. Russia is trying to convince Eastern Germany, rightly or wrongly, that Russia is just out to help her and that she is free internally. Western Democracies first arrive at certain decisions themselves and then try to enforce them upon Western Germany. However sincere and well-meaning those decisions might be they cannot create in Western Germany the same spirit which Russia can produce in Eastern Germany; because Russia, through persuasion and appeal, first induces the Eastern German Government to arrive at decisions in accordance with Russian views, and then accepts the German decisions. Though the result is the same yet by making a difference in the method of her action Russia is creating strong allies for herself and Western Democracies are slowly losing their allies. So my advice to America is that the basis of their propaganda should be some principles and not money; otherwise the money spent on Germany would all go waste as it has done in Korea. You should not care which party comes to the top internally. When you help a country out of true sympathy and when you put out of your mind all considerations of economic or political benefits, then whichever party comes to the top (except the Communist) it will side with you; the Yugoslavian example rather indicates that even Communist countries can incline towards Western Democracies.

My third advice is: Independent nations can never be fully prepared for war, whether you make an appeal in the name of U. N. or any other Power, unless and until they are given a status of equality. During the last two World Wars England accepted the leadership of America and France in spite of the fact that she was herself a great power. As a result of this all parties were equally actuated by the spirit of enthusiasm and sacrifice. Unfortunately the start of the

Korean War has been wrong. If a War council had been set up now as it was done in the last two Wars and representatives of America, England and France sat in that council and some method was devised to ascertain the opinion of the smaller Powers also the present war would have certainly assumed a different aspect. America might be under the impression that she added to her prestige by securing for General MacArthur full power but this is not true. She has thus lost world co-operation which she could have secured in full force otherwise. Even now an organization should be set up under which the present war, which is speedily drifting into a third World War, should be fought like the previous two World Wars so that all governments may have an equal share in it feeling an equal responsibility. Such a line of action would in no way be derogatory to America's self-respect or national dignity but on the contrary it would prove highly beneficial. This will not only get for America the verbal and passive assistance of all the Democracies but will succeed in enlisting for her their active and immediate support and the conflict from remaining confined to a mere fight between different governments will at once become converted into a fight of all their peoples. It is quite well known that the U. N. is no substitute for the Military Council nor do its decisions lead to an equal sense of responsibilities among all the member states.

My fourth advice is that the first World War and the second World War both have proved that, in spite of all the thousands of inventions that military science has made, the importance of the human factor in war has not been lessened. Arms and implements of war prove of decisive value only when one side possesses their preponderance. But when arms are to be found in sufficient quantity in the possession of both sides the human factor plays as decisive a part in deciding the issue as it did in olden times when battles were fought and won by swords and lances. Russia has with her the moral and material support of 800 million people and these millions are deprived of many of the comforts and amenities of life that the new civilization has produced. But belief in certain principles has created in these people a kind of fanaticism. Russia is supplying them with sufficient material for war and because of their comparatively poor social con-

dition Russia and her allies can supply a greater percentage of soldiers than all the democratic civilized countries put together. These 800 millions can easily supply sixteen per cent of their total strength or 120 million fighting men. But the Democracies, notwithstanding the fact that their combined populations exceed those of Russia and her satellites, cannot supply even half the number of soldiers supplied by their adversaries. In the second World War undivided India did not contribute more than ten or eleven hundred thousand combatants though its population was four hundred millions. Then there is the question of cost. The standard of life of Western Democracies which in peace-time is a blessing becomes, during war, a grave hardship and a handicap. With the money that Western Powers spend on the upbringing and training of one soldier, Russia and its allies can easily train four or five soldiers. Thus Western Democracies cannot make full use of the number of soldiers that can be available to them owing to the fact that they cannot bear the financial burden. This can be remedied by offering the hand of friendship to Western Germany and Japan who form a splendid unit of one hundred and fourteen million people and who are repentant to some extent of their guilt. Their repentance should be appreciated and they should be given an opportunity to prove themselves a useful element of human society by participating in this world's war of liberation. Much smaller amount of money will be spent on the soldiers. They will fight most bravely when they feel that they are again being admitted into the fold of human brotherhood. An early decision should be made. Delay will deprive thousands of soldiers of proper training and they will lose the spirit of bravery. For the same reason a boycott against Spain too is not productive of any good results. Spain has never meddled with the affairs of other countries. She is welcome to have any form of government she chooses for herself. It is entirely her own concern. Other countries have nothing to do with Spain's internal affairs. By seeking Spain's co-operation and giving Germany her freedom a strong front can be established in Europe.

My fifth counsel is that America should pay special attention to the national freedom of those countries of the world that are still deprived of it or are in a state of semi-slavery. After all what put-

pose does it serve to keep them in bondage. If they are not vouchsafed full freedom they will prove a strong weapon in the hand of Russia in this war of principles. There lies great difference between German propaganda in the last war and Russia's propaganda now. Germany was fighting for National Socialism for which other nations had no sympathy. On the other hand Russia is waging war in the name of international freedom, in which people of every country are interested. Moreover, Russia claims to have taken up the cause of the freedom of the down-trodden masses. She has raised the question of the uplift of the suppressed and persecuted poor classes. Therefore it stands to reason that all dependent countries wholly and a portion of every free country partially should sympathize with Russia and make common cause with her. The only solution of this difficulty is that European nations that have so far been exploiting politically and economically undeveloped countries should no longer be allowed to do so. When there is a serious danger of losing both loaves it is an act of wisdom to give up one loaf to save the other. After all Europe has, for so long, under different names, exploited one-half of the world and now that there has sprung up an enemy who wants to make the aggrieved people its tool in order to destroy Europe, it is essential that Europe should revise its policy, otherwise it will become difficult, even impossible for her to maintain her own freedom. Europe should rest content with whatever benefit it has already gained in the last three centuries.

My sixth advice is that the peoples of America and other Western Democracies should realize their responsibilities at this critical juncture. During peace time the demand for forty hour week had some point in it. But now that they are passing through a period of crisis they should work for longer periods. Now the labour of every country should, of its own accord, offer to work forty-eight hours a week on all war jobs without demanding extra wages for this voluntary work. They should rather be ready to put in even more work in this time of crisis but with one stipulation. The excess profit that will accrue from this voluntary overtime work should not go to factory

owners but should be appropriated by the nation as a whole. The proletariat of America and other Western countries should realize that millions of prisoners of war are working in Russia without wages or on a nominal pittance compared to their counterparts in Western countries. That is why Russia is getting aeroplanes, tanks, guns and ammunition at less than half the cost at which European countries are producing these weapons. Therefore the production of these things is of much greater quantity and is much cheaper in Russia. If for a few years you are not prepared to make sacrifices for war work then certainly your victory in this war will be very doubtful. So let the gravity of the present critical time be realized and the hardship of close application to hard work be gladly borne in order to save the freedom of your countries. This will not entail any infringement of your rights because: (1) you will be making this offer for war work during emergency only; (2) the overtime that you will give will not benefit the factory owners but your own country, and your descendents will enjoy the fruits of liberty as the result of your sacrifice.

My seventh advice is that you should not place undue reliance on the atom bomb. When you mention the atom bomb millions of the world's population think that the Western Powers are at their wit's end in fighting against North Korea and have started to hold out threats of using the atom bomb. They further conclude that when Russia and her allies will have thrown their strength into the war then it will spell certain ruin and defeat for the West. Thus a mere mention of the atom bomb in this war on a small scale is proving derogatory to your national dignity. People have begun to grow doubtful of your power. If Russia has the atom bomb, as it is said she has, and if it used even one atom bomb then a wave of despondency will overspread the entire world and people will begin to think that the defeat of the West was a foregone conclusion and the result will be that they will incline all the more towards Russia. Therefore beware of this mistake. Let soldiers be pitted against soldiers and cannon against cannon and aeroplanes against aeroplanes. Let the use of the atom bomb be deferred till such time as Russia has recourse to it. Your greatness will thus be established and you will have the wholehearted sympathy of all the peoples. No doubt this Korean experience is disheartening, but it is also a divine blessing



in disguise. This has brought home to you your vulnerability in the air and in the training of your soldiers. Also the invincibility of your Bazookas has proved a myth. Therefore make good use of this experience and improve the training of your soldiers and remove the defects of your aeroplanes. Bear in mind that aeroplanes constitute only one part of strategy. They alone cannot be depended upon. The Korean army so far has been fighting almost without the help of aeroplanes and heavy guns. Train soldiers worthy of fighting successfully their soldiers; only then your aeroplanes, tanks and guns will prove more effective. The army that pins its faith on its material loses to the same degree in its courage and in its spirit of sacrifice. May God help you!

My eighth counsel to you is: Remember at all times that God's help is by far the most important weapon. Russia has denied God. The majority among you have faith in God but alas! you too have gone astray. Most of you have set up a man though pious, good and beloved of God, as equal to the Almighty. This blasphemy has kindled the wrath of God. O People of America, if anyone is so foolish as to claim that he is your President against your elected President will you tolerate him? If not, then how can you think that God will tolerate the belief in other gods beside Him? By this blasphemous act you displease God and him whom you want to please. Read the Bible and you will find written therein: "Why callest thou me good? none is good save one, even God." (Mark, 10:18). Is it not written in your Scriptures that when the Jews accused Jesus of making himself God, he replied: "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, ye are gods'?" Jesus continued saying that if he said, "I am the son of God" in the same sense, why should the Jews say, "Thou blasphemest"? (John, 10:36). Did not Jesus, when he was crucified, cry with a loud voice saying, "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani, that is, my God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt., 27-46). And when he was being crucified did he not entrust his mother to the care of one of his disciples (John, 19:26)? If Jesus had been God's son, then at the time of his crucifixion he could not have entrusted his mother to the care of one of his disciples. Could not God look after His mother on this earth or did

Jesus cease to be God's son while in heaven? So hearken to the voice of the servant of God, O inhabitants of America! Give up the wicked practice of setting up a man as equal of God and turn to Him. Though the person who is calling you to God is, like Jesus Christ, looked down upon and is treated with contempt in his own country and is repudiated in other countries and though most of the people of this world do not even know him, yet he is the Successor and Promised Son of God's Messenger in this age who is the image of Jesus of Nazareth. God reveals to him the secrets of the unknown as and when He deems fit and answers his prayers. Undoubtedly this voice has issued forth from the mouth of one who is humble in the eyes of the world but in the eyes of God he is worthy of great honour because he invites the world to God and to the path of truth and righteousness.

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(P. S.)—I had finished writing the above when I received revelation from God of which the rendering in English is: "The wall of Zend that has fallen and the wall of Zend that has not fallen." I will write about it fully when I deal with the prophecies in this connection but here I want to say briefly that this revelation shows that the present fighting in Korea is not the beginning of the final war and that there is still a hidden scheme of Russia which will disclose itself in due time. (Zend which is mentioned in this revelation is a town in Bokhara territory under Russia.)

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Happy is the Believer, for, if good befalls him, he praises God; and, if misfortune, praises God and bears it patiently; therefore a Believer is rewarded in every affair, even for putting a mouthful of victuals into the mouth of his wife.

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Death is a favor to a Muslim. Remember and speak well of your dead, and refrain from speaking ill of them.

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Torment not yourselves, lest God should punish you.

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*(The Holy Prophet)*

## (II)

I have already written a tract on the above subject which has been circulated in America and some other countries. At the end of that tract I had included a fresh revelation which I had received after I had finished writing that tract. The English rendering of that revelation is to the effect: "The wall of Zend that has fallen and the wall of Zend that has not fallen." - I will deal at some length with the subject to which this revelation refers in some future number of the present series when some other prophecies that concern this subject will also be dealt with. At the present moment I wish to say only this much that the word 'Zend' has been used in the latter part of the above revelation in its literal sense and points to the territory of Bukhara. But in the first part wherein the revelation says, "the wall of Zend that has fallen," the word 'Zend' has been used metaphorically and I take it to signify Korea. The revelation points to the fact that if an attack comes from Russia it will be launched from two points: (a) from the Russian territory facing the Middle East, and (b) from the Russian cantonments in the Far East. The word "wall" here signifies "political considerations", and the revelation means that from a consideration of her political interests Russia will abstain from launching such an attack till that consideration ceases to be of any material value. Then she will begin the attack. One of these considerations will concern the Far East and the other the Middle East. So far as divine revelations are a guide, of all the walls that stand in the way of a Russian attack, the most important is the one that concerns the Middle East and that "wall" was first of all mentioned in the Book of Ezekiel which gives a graphic description of the Russian danger in the present time in the following words:

1. And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying:
2. Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him.
3. And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am against thee, O "Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
4. And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

5. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet:

6. Gomer, and all his hands; the house of Togarmach of the north quarters, and all his banks; and many people with thee.

7. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

9. Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy banks, and many people with thee.

10. Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

11. And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12. To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

13. Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? has thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

14. Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto "Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

15. And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee; all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16. And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O "Gog, before their eyes.

17. Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?

18. And it shall come to pass at the same time when "Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face.

19. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely

in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20. So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God; every man's sword shall be against his brother.

22. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his hands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD. (*Ezekiel, Chapter 38*).

1. Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

2. And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

3. And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand,

4. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou and all thy banks, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

6. And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

7. So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8. Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have Spoken.

9. And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

10. So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God.

11. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a

place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog.

12. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

13. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.

14. And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

15. And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

16. And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land. (*Ezekiel, Chapter 39*).

In order fully to appreciate the significance of this prophecy it is necessary first to understand the principle that governs divine prophecies. That principle is that in divine prophecies the names of nations and places having some spiritual or physical resemblance with some other nations and places are sometimes used to denote the latter. For example, in certain prophecies of the Bible the word 'Israel' has been used for Jesus and his disciples while Israel is the name of the progeny of Jacob and Jesus was not a descendant of Jacob because, according to the Bible, he was not born of an human father and because also according to the Bible people take their origin from their father and not their mother. So according to the Bible Jesus was not an Israelite. And with the exception of only a few, all who believed in him were non-Israelites. In fact, the greatest objection of the Jews against Jesus was that he and his disciples addressed their message to the uncircumcised (gentiles). Yet the word 'Israelite' has been used in the Bible about Jesus and his disciples. The use of this word here only signifies that Jesus had come to complete the work of the Israelite Prophets. As the message of Jesus had a deep connection with the message of the Israelite Prophets and as Jesus himself had claimed to be a corroborator of Moses and the Prophets who came after him, the Bible has used this word for him and his followers. So while reading the above prophecy of Ezekiel the principle should be kept in view that some names that occur in the Bible, in reality, point to the names of the countries and of the people of some future time who were to have close resemblance with the former people and countries and do not now bear the same significance which was attached to them at the time when the prophecy was made.

A very important thing that emerges from this prophecy is that about 2700 years ago when Russia was not a great power and it was hardly known outside its territories and various tribes ruled over the country, the Prophet

Ezekiel made a prophecy that in some future time this country would become a great power and would have a clash with other powerful nations and that the fierceness of her attack would be felt in the Middle East. The prophecy also foretold that after overrunning the boundaries of Iran and Turkey, Russia would advance into Palestine and Syria. The word 'Iran' is clearly mentioned in the prophecy. In Ezekiel we have: "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them: all of them with shield and helmet;" (38:5-6). And Turkey has been referred to in the words, "Gomer, Dedan and Togarmah". These territories are included in Turkey and Armenia.

It also appears from this prophecy that it will see its fulfilment in some very remote future. In Ezekiel 38:8 we read: "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste." This prophecy clearly shows that that will be a time of the progress and advancement of Russia. To that time the Prophets have given the name of "the latter Days", i.e. the time of the second advent of Jesus when the Israelites will be gathered from the various countries of the world and will be settled again in Palestine. In fact, by settling the Jews in Palestine America herself has provided an occasion for the fulfilment of this prophecy. Similarly, it appears from this prophecy that at that time Russia not only herself will be a great power but will also have several countries around her as satellites. To this fact the Bible refers in the words: "Thou and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, be thou a guard unto them." (Ezekiel 38:7). The prophecy also shows that Russia at that time will be an enemy of religion and God will be her enemy. In Ezekiel we have:

Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal (39:1).

Again it appears from this prophecy that at that time all the nations of the world will fight amongst themselves. The Bible says:

And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. (38:21).

What a great and wonderful prophecy is this! What enhances its greatness is the fact that it was made at a time when, let alone the present powerful Russia, no trace was to be found of a Power of this description in the world. In this prophecy Russia has been declared to be the King of Moscow and Tubal. Tubal was an Asiatic town after which a town named Tobalsk has now been built in Eastern Russia and Meshech probably stands for the present Moscow. The mention of these two names is intended to show that at the time of the fulfilment of the prophecy the rule of Russia will have extended to Asia. So this prophecy constitutes for every just and sane person, a powerful pointer from Almighty God to the fact that He regards Russia as having abandoned

the path of rectitude and as being in the wrong and that He views with disfavour her pride and evil intentions. Though the adversaries of Russia also have found no favourable mention in this prophecy yet the special expression of displeasure against Russia is quite obvious and beyond doubt, and the prophecy about her eventual destruction very explicit and clear.

Reference to this prophecy of Ezekiel is also to be found in the prophecies of the Holy Founder of Islam, the Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of God be upon him). These prophecies of the Holy Prophet contain some other important details also. Similarly, reference is to be found about some details of this prophecy in the prophecies of the Promised Messiah, the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. I will, however, deal with these details in some future treatise, which will make quite clear some parts of the prophecy of Ezekiel which are obscure and will remove other ambiguities that have found their way into the Bible.

O People of America, I hear that many among you have a strong attachment to religion and hate irreligiosity. I say unto you, "Is not this mighty prophecy which undoubtedly constitutes a great Divine Sign for every sane person, sufficient to draw your attention to your obligations towards your Creator and to make you realize what He desires of you"? Ezekiel says that on that day God will gather people from all the mountains—mountains in this prophecy of Ezekiel do not mean mountains literally but signify powerful nations. The prophecy means to say that the voice of God will call all those nations of the world which will at that time, possess any strength and which will abhor irreligiosity and materialism and will inspire them to oppose Communism. Don't you see that it is already happening? A majority of the nations that are members of the UN have awakened to a realization of the evil designs of Russia and have resolved to oppose her. But the present is an era of democracy, whether it be the oppressive democracy of Communism or the just democracy of Socialism. At such a time governments are powerless to do anything unless their people give them their full and sincere co-operation. A government can fight another government but it cannot fight a whole people unless it enjoys the support of its own people. So get rid of the false notion that you possess strong and powerful governments and that they have better means and more money at their disposal. Wars are not won by means of ammunitions and implements of war but by the firm resolve of a people. Implements of war do not of themselves begin to work but it is the young volunteers of unshakable determination who are bent upon saving their country and religion that work them. The use of such arms alone can lead to success. A weapon in the hands of a government is only a weapon of steel but in the hands of a people it becomes a mighty avalanche which carries away everything that comes in its way. So if you desire to partake of the blessings that the fulfilment of this prophecy and of the prophecies of those Elect of God who, besides Ezekiel, have prophesied about the present time will bring, then let every



man, woman and child among you listen to the voice of God and be prepared to fulfil His demand.

Do not think that because it is a Divine prophecy therefore it is bound to be fulfilled. A study of the long chain of divine prophecies leads one to the inescapable conclusion that all prophecies are conditional. If the believers are half-hearted and careless, the prophecy changes its course. It certainly is fulfilled but not in the expected manner. Its fulfilment assumes another form. Have you not read in the Old Testament that God had promised Moses that He will give him and his progeny the country of Canaan. But when the Israelites showed signs of revolt and disobedience and refused to make the necessary sacrifices and preferred the tilling of the soil to wading through rivers of blood, God deferred the conquest of Canaan. Moses and his people continued to wander in the wilderness for full forty years and the Israelites were denied even the sight of Canaan in the life-time of Moses, so much so that at the time of his death, being over-whelmed with the agony of sorrow he asked his companions to turn his face to the land of Canaan that he might have a look at the country which God had promised him and his followers. If the fulfilment of Moses' prophecy was deferred because the Israelites disobeyed him, the fulfilment of the prophecy of Ezekiel is equally capable of postponement if you are neglectful and lacking in zeal. So do not get excited with joy over the fact that a Divine prophecy in your support has come to light. Undoubtedly there is such a promise of victory for you in this prophecy but it is a conditional promise. You will certainly see the promised day of victory provided, in deference to God's promise, you offer yourselves for every kind of sacrifice.

At the present occasion I confine myself to a mention of Ezekiel's prophecy only and will deal with other divine revelations in this connection later. But, as I have said above, the revelation of the word of God about a certain incident does not mean that one should cease to make use of one's intellect and to work hard. On the contrary, when a true lover comes to know of the wish of his beloved, he offers to make a greater sacrifice for the fulfilment of the wish of the beloved than he does for the fulfilment of his own desires and he gives more serious and deeper thought to the accomplishment of the desired end. So I cannot afford to omit mention of the plans that we should adopt to meet the danger of Communism and the mistakes against which we should be on our guard. If the danger of Communism would have been an ordinary danger, God would not have warned us of it thousands of years ago from the mouths of the Prophets of Israel and that of the Evangelist John, and particularly from the mouth of the Holy Prophet of Islam and of the Promised Messiah, the Founder of the Almadiyya Movement, and last of all He would not have revealed some secrets concerning this danger to this humble servant of His—the writer of these lines.

This unbroken chain of prophecies about the danger of Communism unmistakably shows that it is a mischief of no ordinary dimensions but of such

magnitude that all the prophets of God, from the time of Noah to the Latter Days, have warned humanity of this danger. It is impossible to fight this danger successfully with ordinary means, intelligence and efforts. All servants of God must become united and all lovers of justice and peace must combine all their resources on this occasion. In view, therefore, of the fact that divine revelations make it all the more important that material means should not be neglected, I take this opportunity to warn my American brethren of a very dangerous mistake which some among them and many among European leaders are continuously committing. That cardinal mistake lies in the undue emphasis that is being laid on the defence of the Western Front. There is no doubt about the fact that the defence of Western Europe and the combination of all its resources and their co-ordination is very essential for the effective fighting of the Russian danger. It would be no exaggeration even to say that in this most serious matter 60 percent importance attaches to the defence of Western Europe but it is also quite obvious that for a successful fight no sane person would allow 40 percent of his strength to be frittered away. Nay, a truly wise man would not waste even one percent of his strength because sometimes the difference of one or two percent results in defeat. Even before the Korean War an exaggerated emphasis was laid on the defence of the Western Front and the Eastern Front was considered to be so inessential as to be given up if the defence of the Western Front so demanded. But after the start of this War some European political thinkers have begun openly to declare that involvement in the Korean War was a great blunder and that even now Korea should be quitted. Some American leaders have also lent their support to this view but their number is much less than that of the European thinkers. From even the military point of view the giving up of Korea would not have been a wise policy because it would certainly have weakened the American defence. Korea by itself does not carry much weight. But the armies lying in the Korean battlefields constitute a dagger aiming directly at the heart of industrial China to such an extent as armies in no other country do. Anyone familiar with the geography of China knows that all the industrial centers of China and its arms, manufacturing factories are situated in Manchuria and in other northern Chinese towns and so is the case with its commercial centers. And as Communism has grown and prospered in northern China and its seasoned soldiers are also to be found in that part of the country, Russia, too, can be directly attacked from Korea. So when the enemy himself has provided an occasion to the Western Democracies to establish a military base in Korea, to let such a golden opportunity go unavailed would not be an act of wisdom. If Korea were given up and that war about which warning has been given from time immemorial by God's Prophets took place and China sided with Russia, then in the first instance an amphibian expedition would be necessary to reach that country which is generally very difficult and dangerous. Secondly, at the most there is a possibility of such an attack on Southern China only and the armies

that could land there will not be able to upset and disorganize its industrial and military system.

But what is more important than all other considerations is the fact that if Russia and China considered themselves safe in the Far East, they would not sit still, but would certainly turn their attention towards India and Burma. The conquest of India, or at least to keep it dangerously engaged, forms an essential part of the Russian scheme and a victory for the Democracies demands that India and Pakistan should firmly keep away from all contact with the Communist world, because whereas the vast expanse of the Indian sub-continent is in possession of India, its brave soldiers are to be found in Pakistan and in war these two things are of the utmost importance. If in a vast country a brave and courageous army is determined to fight to the last ditch, even a most powerful enemy finds himself in a very awkward position. Napoleon was involved in such a difficult situation in his Russian campaign and so was Hitler in 1941. In the intervening period the same reason caused the fight of the White Russian armies to end in failure and an analogous drama was enacted during the Japanese attack upon China.

So whereas the conquest of India and Pakistan forms an essential part of the successful completion of the Russian programme of conquest, these countries can prove an equally powerful instrument for the breaking of her power. Similarly, if the countries of the Near East, with firm hearts and their vast resources of oil, are determined to fight Communism, they can greatly weaken it by keeping absorbed much of its strength. But the fact should not be ignored that while India and Pakistan in combination possess vast territories and very brave soldiers, they both lack the latest implements of war and if a large army armed with the new weapons of war were to attack them they would not be able successfully to withstand such an attack. They can fight effectively only when they are provided with the necessary material and when they are also convinced that no consideration of expediency would make their allies, the Western Democracies, desert them. This is equally true of the small countries of the Middle East. But the way and the language in which emphasis has been laid on the importance of the Western Front and the propaganda that has been carried on in this connection, has created the impression in Eastern countries that the Western Democracies will use them at the start of the Russian attack but when that attack develops and takes a dangerous form they would conserve all their men and resources for the defence of the West and would leave them to their fate. After the Korean War this impression has continued to grow and has assumed an ugly form. This is why in this War India has been increasingly stressing the necessity of pleasing China. Its political leaders generally and the intelligent Mr. Nehru in particular have come to feel that as regards the defence of their country they cannot depend upon the help of the Western democratic powers and therefore should not altogether turn their backs upon Russia and China. A similar impression seems to have gained ground in the countries of

the Middle East also. Pakistan being a land of the fighting races, has not been so much influenced by this idea but a section of its Press, too, is stressing the fact that it should not unnecessarily put itself in danger and should, instead, adopt a middle course. I am, however, convinced that if Pakistan ever had to face a critical situation, every Pakistani will readily give his life to save his country. But even with this conviction they cannot hope to meet successfully an endless chain of unfavorable situations. It is no courage but unmitigated folly to feel safe in such an unequal fight. I must therefore say that though the importance of Western Europe cannot be denied and though it is a veritable mine of experienced soldiers and a great arsenal of arms and a factory for producing industrial goods yet mere reliance upon this fact cannot help much to win the fight against Communism. For a successful fight against Communism the help of the vast territories of Asia, the inexhaustible stores of its raw materials and of its very large populations is needed. And this help cannot be secured unless the morale of the Asiatic countries is raised and kept up. A few million dollars or a few hundred thousand tons of wheat cannot raise the spirit of a people; it can only be raised when their friends assure them that they would prefer extinction to parting company with them in their hour of need. So let the peoples of the Far East and of the Middle East and of the Near East be given a solemn assurance that though, in view of its strategic importance, greater emphasis is now being laid on the defence of the Western Front, but if ever the war started with an attack on their territories the Western Democracies will not withdraw their resources in men, money and material and concentrate them in the West for its defence. They will not leave the peoples of the Eastern countries in the lurch but will defend their freedom and integrity and their hearths and homes with the same determination and zeal as they would defend a Western country in the event of its being attacked, and that they will do it with the last drop of their blood.

The whole technique of Communism is based on a fear complex. If you seek to win the fight against Communism, you will have to remove this fear complex. You should be very careful while dealing with the question of the defence of Europe and should use such language as should convince the ordinary reader that, under no circumstances, will other fronts be given up or neglected in order to defend the Western Front.

Russia fully appreciates the importance of Asia and its latest campaign of propaganda is directed against it. Organised Communist bodies are working in India and Pakistan. They are more powerful in India than in Pakistan. But my information is that if ever the Communist leaders sought to create disturbance, they will choose Pakistan as the base of their disruptive activities, not because Communism exercises any very great influence in Pakistan, but because there are two very sound reasons for this. First, the Communists in Pakistan would expect the Communist party of India to help them with money

and influence. They will receive from India help in men and money which would be beyond their own resources. This they cannot hope to get if the disturbance first arose in India. Secondly, a Communist worker knows quite well that even a comparatively less educated Muslim possesses a sounder political sense than does a better educated Hindu. He is sure that if his party succeeded in creating disturbance in India, the Pakistanis would not help them even though the disturbance would have occurred in a country which has all along been unfriendly towards their own motherland. But if, on the other hand, the disturbance arose in Pakistan an average Hindu, notwithstanding the fact that help rendered to the Communists would be dagger aimed at his own heart, would at once begin to give them all sorts of help to foment it, simply because Pakistan would be the scene of the trouble. I don't think that this hope of the Communist will ever be realized. The heart of a Muslim is too sound to fall a victim to their deceit.

In spite of all this I would say again and say it most emphatically that the Western Powers should leave no stone unturned to convince all the Asiatic countries that European Democracies generally and America in particular regard their defence as important as that of Western Europe and that if at the present time Western Europe needs more men and more material it does not mean that America can, under any circumstances, leave the East and the South-Eastern countries to their fate. If these nations are given this assurance and if necessary material is placed in their hands, then they will certainly prove for the Russian bear a very hard nut which, if she tried to crack, she will, God willing, break her own teeth in the attempt.

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Prayers lighten the heart, and charity is a proof of Faith, and abstinence from sin is perfect splendour; the Quran is a proof of gain to you, if you do good, and it is a detriment to you if you do wrong; and every man who rises in the morning either does that which will be the means of his redemption or his ruin.

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Wish not for death, any one of you, neither the doer of good works, for preadventure he may increase them by an increase of life; nor the offender, for perhaps he may obtain the forgiveness of God by repentance. Wish not, nor supplicate for death before its time comes, for verily when you die, hope is out and the ambition for reward; and verily, the increase of a Believer's life increases his good works.

(THE HOLY PROPHET)

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I have already written two pamphlets on the subject of Communism and Democracy. In my second pamphlet I had quoted some Biblical references to show that Communism is, in reality, a movement against religion and that prophecies are to be found about it in the Bible. I had promised in that pamphlet that in my next treatise on this subject I will deal with the prophecies that are to be found in Islamic religious literature about Communism. I, however, regret to say that I could not implement my promise as early as I had expected, because my illness and the circumstances over which I had no control delayed the fulfilment of my promise. But I think that this delay has occurred in pursuance of God's own plan, because during the interval circumstances have come into being which have all the more substantiated and corroborated the prophecies of the Bible, the Quran and the Hadith in this regard.

In my second treatise I had quoted prophecies from the Bible to show that Communism will gather great force in the Middle East. At the time when the above two pamphlets were published, no signs were in evidence of that force but during the intervening period circumstances have arisen which show unmistakable signs of social as well as political penetration of Communism in the Middle East. Therefore I hope that the reader will now understand better, not only what I have already written on this subject but also what I am going to write now.

#### **PROPHECIES ABOUT COMMUNISM IN THE HOLY QURAN**

Before, however, I deal with the prophecies about Communism which are to be found in the Quran and the Hadith I wish to make it clear that two distinct beings have found special mention in Islamic literature in connection with the spiritual and political disasters

which Islam was to suffer in the Latter Days. One of these two beings has been called the *Dajjal* (Anti-Christ) and of the other being two manifestations have been mentioned. One of these two manifestations has been given the name of Gog and the other that of Magog. A deeper reflection, however, reveals the fact that both these calamities that were to befall Islam in particular and mankind in general bear a close resemblance to each other and that they are the ramifications of one and the same mischief. This is why Gog and Magog have found mention in the Quran but not the *Dajjal* by name, while the Holy Prophet Muhammad is reported to have said that there never lived a prophet who did not warn his followers against the *Dajjal*. In view of such grave warning by the Holy Prophet it was impossible that the Quran should have been devoid of all mention of the *Dajjal*. Thus the absence of mention in the Quran clearly shows that, in reality, the *Dajjal* and Gog-Magog are two names of the same being or that both are offshoots of the same mischief. This conclusion receives added corroboration from the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad which tell us that the time of the *Dajjal* and that of Gog-Magog is the same and that both will dominate the entire world. It becomes quite clear from these facts that the *Dajjal* and Gog-Magog are not two separate calamities belonging to separate periods but are only two different aspects of the same calamity, only with the difference that whereas Gog-Magog represents the political aspect of this great mischief the *Dajjal* represents its religious and cultural aspect; the word *Dajjal* itself meaning a fraud and a deceiver.

So the mischief of the Latter Days regarding which the Israelite Prophets had warned their followers had two parts: one part concerned corruption in religious doctrines and ideas and the other related to political conditions and the destruction of the peace and prosperity of the world. The being that was to incite and foment the mischief concerning religious beliefs was given the name of *Dajjal*, i.e., the deceiving and cheating spirit, and the being that was to foster and foment the mischief concerning political conditions was called Gog-Magog. The Arabic words for Gog and Magog are derived from the same root, *Ajj*, which means fire. This means that Gog and Magog will be very powerful nations and that they will

gain predominance over the whole world through their fire-arms.

It has been further stated that the political mischief will make its appearance in two parts and we are told that this mischief will rise not only against Islam but that non-Muslim countries also will become divided into two hostile camps and discord and conflict will reign supreme among them.

After these explanatory remarks I begin to deal with the Quranic prophesies about Gog and Magog. The Quran says that up to a time Gog and Magog will remain confined in the corners of the earth. Then the wall that would have held them in check will collapse, i.e., Islam will lose its glory and its political power will break. Its spiritual influence will also decline and Muslims will consign their religion to oblivion. In the Chapter "*Al-Sajdah*" of the Quran we have been told that a thousand years after the Holy Prophet Islam will begin to ascend back to the heavens, i.e., the spiritual hold of Islam over the minds of its followers will weaken and the dangerous forces that were to destroy the peace of the world and to shake the foundation of religious beliefs, will begin to make their appearance. Analogous references in this connection are to be found in the Bible also. The Bible says:

"When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison. And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth. Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." (*Rev. 20:7, 8*).

In this quotation "the thousand years" mean the thousand years after the advent of the promised prophet i.e., the Holy Prophet of Islam. This period coincides with the end of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth century of the Christian Era. The Quran has shed light on the above passage of the Bible by declaring that by "the thousand years" are meant the thousand years after the Holy Prophet and not after Jesus Christ. The actual course of events also has substantiated the Quranic statement, because a thousand years after Jesus no catastrophic changes to which this prophecy may legitimately be applied took place in the religious or political sphere. Again, the Quran states that Gog and Magog will be the nations that, at the promised time descending from the mountains and sail-



ing over the waves of the sea, will spread into the plains of Asia and will dominate the entire world (21:97).

Similarly in the Chapter "*Al-Kabf*" in the Quran we are told that in the Latter Days both Gog and Magog will make great material progress and acquire great prosperity and will grow jealous of each other and consequently will become involved in a great armed conflict. They will pour down fire over each other from the skies and will become the means and instrument of each other's destruction. They will be great industrial nations and will make wonderful inventions but they will have no place in their hearts for God and religion and on account of their irreligion their material progress and scientific advance will prove of no avail to them and will not save them from ruin. (18:90-98).

### PROPHECIES APPLY TO PRESENT TIMES

All these prophecies quite fittingly apply to the present times. The decline of the political power of Islam commenced in the beginning of the seventeenth century after which started the tug-of-war among Western Nations for political supremacy in the world. Science made great progress and materialism and philosophy attacked religion resulting in the complete collapse of the latter. By pursuing them to their pure logical conclusions materialism presented the world's economic changes in such amazing forms that the world was simply wonder-struck. Communism is one of these materialistic interpretations of history. I simply cannot understand that by ignoring God, the sole Creator of man, and by ignoring the Divine order governing the universe, mankind can accept anything save Communism or Nazism as a philosophy of life. By renouncing God and divine teaching we shall have either to admit that all men are equal in every respect and therefore all amenities of life should be equally divided among them by force or we shall have to admit that Might is right and that power is the real thing in the world and that he alone is really capable and that he alone is deserving of the blessings and comforts of life who is in possession of it. What other ideology besides these two can unaided human reason legitimately present? It is religion alone which by the help of moral ideas and the idea of

God presents a wholesome via-media, otherwise simple, unaided human reason can accept nothing beside these two materialistic philosophies.

The Quran agrees with the Bible in the fact that enmity and jealousy between Gog and Magog will bring about an armed conflict between them in the Latter Days and that they will make free use of fire-arms against each other. The Quran also tells us that as far as their political ideologies are concerned both these peoples will meet their end in that conflict and neither of them will be able to maintain its existence for long after it.

As I have said above, the Hadith divides the conflict of the Latter Days into two parts, one concerning religion and the other politics. It appears from the traditions that the Jews will join the *Dajjal* in large numbers and that at that time they will enjoy great predominance in scientific research and will make great inventions and discoveries. (*Ibn Asakir* with reference to *Kanzul Ummal* on margin of page 56, *Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal* Vol. 6, and *Abu Nuaim* with reference to *Kanz*, Vol. 6, p. 49)

Again it is written that the influence and power of the *Dajjal* will be felt specially in and around Isphahan and that he will draw people to himself by playing upon their fear and greed. Those who will win his pleasure will appear to be the gainers. But in the sight of God they will be the losers and deserving of punishment, while those who will spurn worldly benefits and will oppose him will be the recipients of divine favor (*Muslim* and *Ahmad* and *Tabarani* as quoted by *Kanzul Ummal*, Vol. 6, pp. 40, 41).

It is also related in the Hadith that whereas the *Dajjal* will be a great expert in the material sciences he will be completely devoid of all knowledge of the spiritual sciences. His adeptness and proficiency in material sciences will be so great that he will claim to possess control even over life and death. This means that the *Dajjal* will possess extraordinary powers. Or the allusion in the Hadith is to the great modern advances in surgery and medicine. It will be generally believed at that time that he who will win the favor of the *Dajjal* will become successful in life and he who will antagonize him will be ruined (*Mustadrak* as quoted by *Kanzul Ummal* on the margin of *Musnad Ahmad* Vol. 6, p. 46).

It is also recorded in the Hadith that the influence of the *Dajjal* will spread all over the world with the exception of Mecca and Medina which two towns will remain immune from his influence and it is also stated that the Chinese peoples will join him (*Tirmidhi* as quoted by *Kanzul Ummal*, Vol. 6, p. 58). Similarly it is mentioned in *Tirmidhi* that the *Dajjal* will appear in the east of Arabia and *Bukhari* says that the forehead of the *Dajjal* will have the word "*Kafir*" (i.e. unbeliever) inscribed upon it. This signifies that all his sciences will be completely devoid of the influence of religion and that all his researches will be directed towards attacking religion. *Muslim* further states that though the mischief of the *Dajjal* will be great yet ultimately Islam will prevail over it and once more God will bestow prestige and honor upon the Muslims (*Muslim* and its *Commentary* by *Nawawi*, Vol. 2, p. 393).

Similarly it is recorded in the Hadith that in the time of the *Dajjal* some days will be of one year's duration, some of one month's duration, while some other days will be of one week's length. Most days, however, will be like the ordinary days of the week. This tradition implied that the rule and dominion of the *Dajjal* will extend over the entire world. The North and the South Poles will also be under his possession. His dominion will thus extend to regions where there will be day all the time while over other places under him there will be perpetual night. There will be places under his rule where the sun will shine continuously for a whole month, and places where darkness will reign continuously for the same period. There will be places under his possession where there will be light for a whole week while other regions will remain dark for a whole week (*Muslim* with its *Commentary* by *Nawawi*, Vol. 2, pp. 401-402). In short, the dominion and the rule of the *Dajjal* will cover all parts of the world. He will produce artificial rain and will make inventions that will increase tillage. The size of fruit and that of ears of corn will grow larger. His opponents will be reduced to poverty and he will dig out mines in large numbers. (*Ibid.*)

It is also related in the Hadith that the Messiah will appear after the glory and prosperity of the *Dajjal* will have reached its zenith and that he will fight him but not with the sword of steel but

with his spiritual weapons and with missionary activities. The Messiah will rise in the East. (*Ibid.*) The *Dajjal* will then disappear and Gog and Magog will take his place. This means that the calamity that was to befall humanity in the form of the *Dajjal* will give place to the calamity in the form of Gog and Magog and that as a result of this change attacks on religion will decrease and political differences will increase. Nations living in northern and western regions will begin to form themselves into opposite camps and their material and military power will grow to such an extent that the followers of Islam will find it quite impossible to offer them any effective opposition. The Messiah and his followers, however, will carry on their missionary work with zeal and prayer. Gog and Magog will fight each other to death. Destruction and ruin will also overtake them in the form of bombs, plague and other similar diseases. God will restore to religion its old power and glory and will, as it were, say to the world, "Let thy blessing return to thee." Consequently even scarcity of provisions will satisfy the needs of the people. Greed will disappear from the world and there will be a general inclination towards spiritual matters in place of materialism, till at last the Messianic Era will come to an end and the Last Day will come upon the world (knowledge of which rests with God alone). It also appears from the Hadith that shells will be fired from the sky upon the earth and from the earth towards the sky, the allusion in the above Hadith being to air bombardment and the anti-aircraft guns (*Muslim and its Commentary by Nawawi*, Vol. 2, p. 402).

We are also told that the *Dajjal* will come from the direction of Isphahan—from the side of a town called Ashqabad (Ashqabad is a town in the Russian territory of Bukhara which adjoins Iran. It is spelt as Istaqabaz in the relevant tradition). Similarly, it is stated that the people of Tobolsk, Tarsus and Moscow will join Gog and Magog (*Baihaqi* as quoted by *Kanzul Ummal*, Vol. 6, p. 58). Again it is related in the Hadith that in the Latter Days a fierce fight will take place between the Jews and Muslims and eventually God will give victory to the latter (*Muslim* as quoted by *Mishkat*, Vol. 2, p. 169). It is also recorded that at that time

the condition of Muslims compared to that of the Western Powers will be like that of one man against a thousand persons. (*Bukhari and Muslim* as quoted by *Mishkat*, Vol. 2, p. 183. This means that the Muslims will have become extremely weak at that time.

#### A GRAPHIC PICTURE OF PRESENT TIMES FORETOLD

From the Quranic references and the sayings of the Holy Prophet quoted above the following facts emerge quite clearly. In the Latter Days, a period commencing with the beginning of the seventeenth century, Islam will become extremely weak and non-Muslim nations will begin to make great progress and gain great strength. At first attacks will be made upon Islam as a religion and scientific works will be written in a style and language calculated to injure Islam and to lower it in the estimation of Muslims and weaken their attachment and respect for it. This anti-Islamic attitude will gradually develop into a complete antithesis of religion. Religion at last will be completely disowned and belief in the existence of God and in the Last Day will be denied. This movement later on will become split up into two parts—religious and political, the political part becoming further divided into two more sections. The movement will gather such strength and acquire such prestige and power that its adherents will control the seas and the mountains and even the North and the South Poles will come under their sway. The Jews will join this movement in large numbers. Science will make great progress. The scientists will make such big claims as to assert that they could cause rain to fall from the clouds and cure dangerous diseases hitherto believed to be incurable and fatal. The Muslims will become extremely weak and helpless. By fighting against these powerful movements Muslim kingdoms will break into pieces. Aircraft and anti-aircraft weapons will be invented. A part of this movement will be particularly directed against the Middle East. It will make its appearance in the East and with Iran as its base will continue its penetration further. From Ashqabad to Isphahan and from Isphahan to Khurasan it will try to spread its tentacles towards the countries of the Middle East till at last coming into clash with its political counterpart—Western De-

mocracy—it will be destroyed and the era of the glory and progress of Muslims will begin again. In the final conflict the Jews also will lose their power and prestige and they will be reduced to the same sad state from which they will have risen in that revolutionary period.

It is quite clear that the above mentioned prophecies of the Quran and the Hadith have foretold many things which have not been mentioned by the Bible. The Bible, for example, does not mention that this movement will begin in the seventeenth century and that later on it will split into two parts and that one part will appear against Islam in the form of a religious movement but eventually will become opposed to all religions and the other part, beginning as a political movement against Islam, will become further split up into two sections which will start fighting each other. It also does not appear from the Bible that this movement will spread over the entire world and will exercise control over mountains and seas so much so that even the North and the South Poles will come under its sway. The Bible does neither state that the Jews will take a prominent part in this movement and for that reason will one day be successful in establishing their own kingdom nor that industry and science will make great advance at that time and that progress in agriculture will be so marked that fruit and seeds will develop larger size and that aeroplanes and anti-tank guns will be invented and that means will be discovered to cause rainfall.

These signs clearly indicate the time, aspirations, and the power and force of Communism as well as the intentions, the power and prestige of Western Democracy. It seems that the Quran and the Hadith have presented a most graphic picture of the present times. These prophecies show that as a result of the war that is imminent between Communism and Western Democracy the latter will lose much of its strength but greater destruction will overtake the anti-God and anti-religion movement i.e. Communism.

It also appears from the Quran and the Hadith that Islam will spread among the Western nations and that through it they will get a new life. As far as their hatred for Islam, both Communism and Democracy, more or less, have been declared its equal

enemies but as regards their survival complete destruction of the one movement has been foretold while the other has been promised a new life in a new form. This new life finds symbolic mention in the Hadith to the effect that in the Latter Days the sun will rise from the West. In the Quran the sun has been likened to Islam and the Holy Prophet. Thus we are told that after the fierce conflict between Communism and Western Democracy Islam will increasingly succeed in engaging the attention of the Western people. A wholesome change in their attitude will take place. Instead of the missionaries which now go out to the East to destroy Islam, missionaries from the West will go out into the world to preach and spread it. These days are yet far off, but the signs of the great change are already in evidence. The existence of large gardens yet to be laid out can well be guessed from the tiny blades of grass that grow in a place. Even today we see people coming here from the West to learn Islam. Besides an Englishman, a German and an American, a number of Chinese, Arabs, Indonesians, etc., are at present, receiving instruction in Islam at our place of emigration—Rabwah, West Pakistan, and we have had further intimation from more persons in America, Spain and England who intend to come to us to learn Islam. The present move is but a drop in a vast ocean but this drop of today unmistakably points to the existence of the vast ocean of tomorrow. After the great anti-Islamic tide which rose in the West in the past and which threatened to engulf Islam, the present very wholesome change in the minds of the Western people is full of mighty significance. Instead of seeking to destroy Islam they come to learn Islam. This change, insignificant though it may look at present, does certainly throw some light, however weak, upon the mighty change that is destined to take place in the not very distant future.

The Holy Prophet had also prophesied that Western nations would become so powerful that compared to them Muslims would look like one person against a thousand, just as sometime in the past the Muslims were so powerful that compared to them the non-Muslims looked like one person against a thousand. But that scene completely changed and the Muslims became very weak.

Now again a great and noble son of Islam has given birth to a new spiritual progeny. Besides the prophecies of the Quran and the Holy Prophet the natural order of things itself clearly points to the fact that the present "one" will gradually increase to a thousand and the present "thousand" will gradually become reduced to "one." At present both Communism and Western Democracy are up against Islam as is evident from the political penetration of the Western Democratic Powers into Islamic countries and from the influence that Communism is striving to exert in those countries. But despite the seeming resemblance of the endeavours of both these powers there is a marked difference in their attack upon Islam. The difference consists in the fact that whereas Communism seeks to destroy the essence and spirit of Islam by trying to obliterate the very idea of God, Western Democracy, having been disappointed by the failure of its earlier religious assaults on Islam, intends now to confine its activities to political infiltration in Muslim countries. Moreover, Communism is like an adolescent youth while Western Democracy resembles a grown-up man who already has entered old age. It is evident that the evil designs of a growing youth who stands upon the threshold of full-blooded maturity certainly are much more dangerous than those of a grown-up man who is advancing towards old age, because whereas the latter had made dangerous attacks upon Islam in the past, the former seems determined to launch still more dangerous attacks in the future. A wise man will naturally endeavour to meet future-attacks rather than weep over the past ones. Every intelligent Muslim while trying to stop Western penetration into Islamic countries, will certainly regard the double assault of Communism which seeks to destroy both the religious and political power of Islam, as more serious and more dangerous than the fleeting shadow of Western Democracy which is counting the last moments of its fast vanishing influence and which after a short time will, in all seriousness extend its hand of peace towards Islam. Jewry is no doubt a sapling planted by Western Democracy but very soon the Muslims will realize that the nursing and fostering of this plant has been taken up by Communism and that the real enemy which appears to some of the Muslims as a sincere friend will one day prove



to be a most dangerous foe. There is a well known proverb in our language which is to the effect: "A woman who pretends to be more motherly than a mother is a cruel witch." A movement that is opposed to God, the Creator of man and the Revealer of Islam, can never be of any help to a religious minded Muslim.

In reality the enmity of Western Democracy for Communism springs from only political considerations but Islam has both political and religious differences with the latter. No doubt it is the duty of a person who has faith in Western Democracy that he should be on his guard against this highly dangerous mischief of Communism but a Muslim has an even greater obligation in this respect. A believer in Western Democracy is guilty of dangerous folly if he does not alter his political views about Islam and the Muslims and he shall have, bitterly to repent if he does not do so. And if the West does not give up its foolish policy of exploiting Muslim countries and maintaining by force its control over them it shall not escape the terrible consequences of its folly and, in the war that is coming, shall have to sacrifice ten lives in place of one and spend ten dollars where one would have sufficed. The Muslims also should understand and realize that Western Democracy is not face to face with such great danger from Communism as they are. Our greatest wealth is our God and His Prophet. Christianity had only literally dubbed the Prophets of the past as thieves and robbers (*John 10:8*) but Communism really regards God's great Messengers as thieves and cheats and considers the very belief in the existence of God as a fraud and deception. No true Muslim can therefore grasp the extended hand of Communism with a view to making peace with it, nor can he cut his own nose to spite the face of one whom he considers his enemy. If he does so, he is a veritable fool and does not seem to realize his greatest responsibility. Equally is the believer in Western Democracy who is not prepared to change his political ideas about Islam, and is the enemy of his people and principles, and is devoid of all sense to appreciate the seriousness of the present situation. Would that before the last hour strikes the two sides should effect a real change in their views and attitude and join hands in peace and friendship! Amen.

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### *(Some Questions Answered)*

A very prominent and highly-placed gentleman of Iran, who has been for some time a minister in the Iranian Cabinet, has asked two very interesting questions regarding my articles on 'Communism and Democracy'. As these and similar questions are likely to arise in the minds of other readers also, I wish to answer them in the present article which is the fourth of the series.

The first question of the said gentleman is: If it is a divine decree that Communism must spread, even though temporarily, over parts of the world, then would it be wise to oppose a divine decree and in such a case would opposition to Communism produce any tangible results?

There is no doubt in the fact that the Quran and the Bible do contain a warning to this effect and that the Prophets of yore also foretold through the mouth of the Holy Prophet of Islam, and through that of the Prophet Daniel and the disciples of Jesus Christ that Communism would spread over a large part of the world but they had also foretold that eventually it would suffer defeat and that humanity would be spared the baneful effects of this world-wide calamity.

It also appears from Muslim traditions that a section of the Muslim people would become involved in great hardship and misery by opposing and fighting Communism (*Kanz* on margin of *Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal*, Vol. 6, page 46). But after suffering hardships for some time, they will receive divine help and will become safe from the permanent ill effects of this calamity; and eventually, with the help of powers and movements as foretold in the prophecies they will conquer and prevail upon it, (*Ibid.*). So, while it is clear from divine scriptures that it is a divine decree that Communism should sweep a part of the world it is also a divine decree that ultimately it will suffer defeat and destruction.

Now Divine decrees are of two kinds:

(a) Decrees which operate and fulfil themselves entirely through heavenly means. It is impossible to fight and negate such decrees;

(b) Decrees which are not subject to the special will of God but to the

common divine law operating in nature. In fact, simultaneously with the latter kind of decree, there comes into force another decree which announces God's decision to man that though he may be weak, he is not to give up his fight simply because a certain movement is foretold to spread and predominate in the world. People fall sick every day. They become involved in diverse kinds of misfortunes and troubles. These things occur in pursuance of divine decrees but still we are enjoined to fight sickness and provide medical aid for the sick, and combat our miseries and misfortunes. Once the Caliph Umar was on tour in Syria when plague broke out in that country. He decided to give up the tour and return to Medina. Abu Ubaida objected to Umar's decision and told him that he was fleeing away from a decree of God. To this Umar replied that he was only fleeing from one decree of God to another decree of God, meaning that if an epidemic broke out at a place divine decree required that that place should be quitted. In this connection the detailed instructions of Islam are that the affected place should be quitted but people quitting that place should confine themselves to its outskirts and should not enter other towns. In this manner Umar brought home to Abu Ubaida the supreme truth that one divine decree could be offset by another. So, while it is decreed that Communism will gather great strength for some time, Muslims and other anti-Communitistic powers should continue to fight it to the bitter end and wait for the other divine decree to come into force and bring about the defeat of Communism.

It may be asked, in what conceivable manner will this opposition to Communism, during the intervening period, be of any avail to the Muslims. This objection springs from an imperfect comprehension of the whole question. No doubt divine prophecies foretell the rise to great power of Communism but nowhere is it stated in divine scriptures what particular countries or persons will become Communist. So in the absence of a prophecy as to who will and who will not succumb to this Godless philosophy, it is our duty to save as many people as possible, during this interval of the spread of Communism, and in this way to prepare and organize believers for the final conflict. This is surely a very important task.

The objection can be viewed from another angle. It is nowhere mentioned in any divine prophecy that Communism will sweep the entire world. The prophecy is that before the final splitting up of the world into two rival camps of Communism and Western Democracy there will come into being an anti-Islamic Movement, which in Islamic religious literature has been called the *Dajjal* and that it will dominate the whole world. As regards divine prophecies about the predominance of Communism in some parts of the world it is also said that at that time some other parts will be under the influence of Western Democracy. So there is no prophecy in religious literature that Communism will predominate over the entire world. What is foretold is that only Gog and

Magog of which one name refers to Communism and the other to Western Democracy will, between themselves, spread over the entire face of the earth. So there is absolutely no cause for a Muslim to lose heart and lay down his arms. He must employ all means which, according to him, will lead to the fulfilment of God's purpose.

#### THE SECOND QUESTION

##### "FIGHT AGAINST WESTERN IMPERIALISM"

The second question that has perturbed the mind of the above mentioned Iranian friend is to the following effect: If it is necessary to fight and oppose Communism, it is equally necessary to oppose and fight American, British and French Imperialisms as they are doing all they can to enslave Eastern nations and to prevent them from exploiting the natural resources of their countries. For example, see what they have done with respect to the oil industry of Iran. It is a blatant falsehood to say that the activities of these imperialistic powers spring from humanitarian considerations. In fact all this fight is for wealth. They are after money. If this is not the case, then why did America, Britain and France reject the Russian proposal at the U. N. that every country should have the right to the direct use and benefit of its wealth and capital. In reality these so-called free nations not only exploit their own peoples-but seek also to bring Eastern countries under their domination in order to exploit their national wealth and resources. If the U. S. A. had supported Iran in her legitimate demand that she had the right to use and exploit her oil wells in her own interest, King Ibn-Saud would never have agreed to accept only 50 percent of the big profits which the sale of Arabian oil yields. England and France are mercilessly sucking the life blood out of the Eastern countries. This has greatly intensified national feelings in the East against these Imperialistic powers and indirectly helps Communism to spread. There is no gainsaying this incontrovertible fact.

#### THE ANSWER

This question of our Iranian friend is, in fact, the inevitable result of the very distressing conditions through which Iran and other Eastern countries are at present passing. Let my honorable friend remain assured that we also are opposed to the American, British or French Imperialism, as is evident from my three pamphlets entitled '*Communism and Democracy*'. In these pamphlets I have tried to bring home to these Powers that either they must effect a complete change in their attitude towards Eastern peoples or they must come to great grief. In my pamphlets, I have presented only the view that America, England and France are not anti-God, while Russia is. America is not an Imperialistic Power in the sense in which this term is generally understood. What she did in Cuba and the Philippines bears testimony to this contention of mine. She only seeks economic predominance and strives to achieve it. But no country can be compelled to accept the economic predominance of another

country. If we are not fools, we can, by hard work, free ourselves from the economic assistance of those people who are no angels nor are they, like the followers of God's Prophets, prompted by humanitarian considerations but are essentially traders and businessmen and like businessmen want their money to bring them profits. It does not behove us that at first we should seek their economic help and then after having borrowed from them should begin to quarrel with them and accuse them of taking possession of the resources of our country. We should pay back their money and tell them to quit our country. We cannot afford to be false to our commitments. Our religion does not allow this.

No sensible person can be so foolish as to assert that these nations invest capital in other countries out of compassionate motives. If there lives such a person he is either a fool or a liar. These Western nations are first and foremost traders and businessmen and no sane person could think of a businessman investing money where there are no dividends. When we do business with a person we admit by that very act that he expects to earn profit by this transaction. There is no sense in asking a businessman to forego his profit. There was a time when Islam was all-powerful and Christian countries were extremely weak. Who provided these weak and poor Christian countries the opportunity to rise and prosper? We did it out of our ignorance and dishonesty. If we had not been ignorant and dishonest, Europe even today would have been behind us by centuries and to us would have belonged the credit of discovering and inhabiting America. But we were disloyal to our God and our religion in the days of our greatness and glory and were disloyal to them when we became weak and poor. Instead of looking to God and developing in ourselves Godly virtues, we began to cast covetous eyes upon the wealth of those peoples who benefited from our ignorance and our negligence and broke our power and crushed our trade and shattered the foundations of our society. Is not this attitude unreasonable and unjust? We have to come to terms with these nations for the sake of God and for the sake of our self-respect.

I do not believe in an understanding which destroys our self-respect. If even today we succeed in maintaining peace and order in our countries and fully exploit the resources that God has placed in our hands we can become a great and powerful nation. In spite of being poor we try to copy wealthy nations and suffering from hunger we see dreams of leading lives of ease and luxury. Can we afford to imitate Europeans and Americans in dancing and drinking, in going to cinemas and in gambling, and racing and luxurious living, in our present state of poverty and misery? Even if we possessed the necessary wealth, these things would have been unlawful for us according to our religion. But, like apes, we seek to imitate Americans and Europeans without pausing to consider whether or not our condition and religion allow the reckless waste of national wealth to which we have become accustomed.

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR PRESENT MISERY

We have brought the present misery upon ourselves by our own hands. We ourselves are the architects of our evil destiny. Could Europeans or Americans sow the seeds of disunity among us? Has Europe or America inculcated in us intercommunal hatred and prejudice which is eating into the vitals of our national existence and as a result of which one Muslim sect is bent upon destroying other Muslim sects, on account of differences in interpretations of doctrines of not real importance; as is happening every day in Muslim countries? We ourselves and our *Ulema* are responsible for this deplorable state of affairs and we alone can get rid of it. While maintaining our internal religious differences we must grasp firmly the cord of unity and crush the power of those *Ulema* who create this discord and disharmony in our ranks or else we shall meet the fate that awaits those who keep engaged in internecine quarrels. Personally I am convinced that despite our poverty we do not need American dollars and we can do without them. In 1948 when there was on foot a movement in Pakistan to borrow from America I warned my countrymen of the dreadful consequences of such a suicidal step. I told a large audience of educated Muslims in Lahore that by borrowing from America they would forge the bonds of slavery with their own hands. America is a country of businessmen. Americans would lend us money but would also demand a pound of flesh and if we exchanged American slavery for British slavery we would be digging our own grave. My speech found wide publicity in Pakistan and even in India with the result that this idea was given up. So I am not at all of the opinion that because we are poor, we need American and European help and cannot do without it. I do consider it permissible to buy arms and ammunition from America, though even this hurts my pride and feeling of self-respect. In fact by working hard day and night we should try to stand upon our own legs and fulfil our national needs. He who looks to others for help has to bow in submission to them.

## THE REMEDY

I say to my honorable friend, come, let us try to create in Islamic countries a sense of unity, national pride, self-respect and self-sufficiency. We should not place ourselves in the unenviable position of first borrowing from other countries and then refusing to pay back our debts. We should try not to borrow from other countries at all. We should learn to live like the poor that we are. Let us wear old and tattered clothes, and remain satisfied with one meal a day. Let us banish wine, and close down cinema houses. Let us stop the giving and taking of interest and give up articles of ease and luxury. Not only our politics but also the minds and brains of our young-men should be freed from Western domination. Then and not till then can we free ourselves from the slavery of Europe and America. The businessmen of Europe and America come to our

country when they realize that we are prepared to accept their domination and that there is a vast field here for the investment of their capital and for earning good dividends. But once they realize that each and every individual of our countries will prefer death to slavery they will not come. They are businessmen and traders. They do not want to kill us. They only need the fruits of our labor and our hard work. When they realize they can no more exploit our labor and our wealth they will cease to interfere in our political affairs and the very idea of gaining domination over us will, forever, take leave of them.

#### THE IRANIAN OIL PROBLEM

I quite appreciate the Iranian sentiment that income from the oil of Iran should be spent on Iran itself. But I have never been able to understand the argument that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company should give up the oil-fields because Iranian oil has now been nationalized. If my information is correct then this company purchased the oil-fields from the Government then in power in Iran and the Iranian oil-fields were even then a national property. If at the time when the sale-deed was consummated, the oil-fields were national property and the sale was regarded as legal and proper then how could the law nationalizing the oil industry now render that sale illegal? Because the oil fields were national property when the sale was effected, therefore the present law making them national property has made no change in their status and, therefore, no new situation has arisen with regard to them. But if my information is not correct and the Anglo-Iranian Company did not buy the right of ownership of these oil-fields from the Iranian Government of the time, but purchased it from individuals who owned the land upon which the oil-fields stood, and that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has since been paying the share of the profits from the sale of the oil not to the Iranian Government but to the individual Iranian owners, then the enactment of the nationalization law does create a new situation and the Iranian Government rightly holds that this law has given it the ownership of the oil-fields and therefore it is justified in taking possession of them. But, as I have said above, such is not the case. I shall feel obliged if my honorable friend could enlighten me on the right position and disabuse my mind of any possible misunderstanding that I may be suffering from. Anyhow my view is based on the information which I possess about this vexed question and to which I have referred above. If my information is correct, then my view is also correct. But if I am wrongly informed then my views must also be wrong. But despite my views I am convinced that the Government of Iran and for that matter any Government in whose territory a foreign concern does business on a scale which is likely to damage its commercial interests and to dominate and control its whole economy, that Government is justified in enacting any laws it thinks proper to safeguard its own commercial interests and to free its economy from foreign control. So while I hold the opinion that the stand which the Government of Iran has taken on the basis of the newly

enacted nationalization law is wrong. I am also of the view that the Government of Iran will be completely justified if they first pay back to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company the capital which it has invested in this concern and then take possession of the oil wells.

My contention is that if a country is justified in trying to win its political freedom, it is equally justified in trying to win economic freedom in its own territory. The fact that the British Government is taking keen interest in the present quarrel and that it is also a shareholder of the Company lends great weight to the suggestion that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is not a purely commercial concern and that among its shareholders are individuals who are directly connected with the political affairs of their own country and being so are likely to be interested in the political affairs of Iran. These individuals are foreigners in Iran and their interference in the affairs of that country is calculated to injure its political interests and international relations. The Iranian Government, therefore, has every right to break its contract with the said Company and take possession of the oil-fields. But as it had, of its own accord, given the said Company the right to use these oil-wells, it is bound to pay back their invested capital. It is not proper on any ground whatever first to send a person, assign to him some work and then deprive him of his earnings. A country may, on political grounds, confiscate the private property of its nationals (though Islam does not allow this) but to invite foreigners to invest their capital in one's country and then to confiscate their possessions is, apart from being disallowed by Islam, not justified in the interests of the peace of the world. So if the Government of Iran chooses to take possession of the estates of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company by paying them proper compensation or making other fair and proper adjustments then, in the view of my above-mentioned argument, it has every right to do so (from newspapers it appears that the Iranian Government is prepared to pay proper compensation.) In that case we will agree with her in taking such a step and will be prepared to give her all moral support. We will even be prepared to make any legitimate sacrifice that may be demanded of us to help the Government of Iran to enforce her legal rights.

#### THE BASIC QUESTION

But this dispute about the oil-wells between the Government of Iran and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has no relation whatever to the basic question viz., whether we can come to an understanding with Communism or Western Democracy, because in the matter of exploiting other countries and treating them in a high-handed manner both are equally to be blamed. How Russia behaved towards Eastern Germany, China, Korea, Rumania, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland is no secret. Does the forcible occupation of a country and extracting from its parliament unwilling statements in its own favor entitle another country to its possession? At present the Western Democratic power



seek only economic exploitation of Eastern countries, but Russia aims at political along with economic and religious exploitation. Can we forget the dreadful happenings in Azerbaijan? Did they take place in opposition to the policy and direction of the Russian Government? Were the happenings in Greece and in Czechoslovakia without Russian knowledge and instigation? We would be suffering from a most serious misconception if we thought that the attitude and behavior of Russia and Western Democratic powers towards Eastern countries differed in any material respect. When both are equally our enemies and both seek to exploit us we will naturally decide to side with that party which at least does not hold God, our Creator and Master, to scorn and does not try to make us deny and disown Him. We are at complete liberty to preach the Message of Islam in America. This has resulted in hundreds of Americans becoming Muslim. Recently the death took place of my mother, the highly respected spouse of the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement. Of the many condolatory tributes I received on this sad occasion there was one from a newly converted White American Muslim. He is an officer in the American Army stationed in Germany. In this letter among other things he writes "When I read in the Bible, 'Woman, mine hour is not yet come' (John 2:4), addressed by Jesus Christ to his mother, and then my mind travels back 1350 years to Arabia and I see the Holy Prophet of Islam standing at the grave of his mother with eyes full of tears and invoking divine mercy on her, I see a world of difference between the teaching of Islam and that of Christianity. One is in perfect harmony with human nature and the other is against it." How wonderful is this spontaneous expression about Islam. It throws a flood of light on his love of Islam and the Holy Prophet. Can we meet with such noble souls in Russia?

#### A PROPOSAL TO THE COMMUNISTS

I always confront Communists who come to see me with this proposal: Let two or three of my representatives with one of their representatives visit Russia. The party should be allowed to move about freely in the country and see things for themselves. They should be allowed without let or hindrance to visit Muslims in their homes and mosques and see for themselves how many of them say their prayers and like good Muslims conform to the tenets and ordinances of Islam, and how many of them can and do read the Holy Quran. I would bear the expenses of such a tour. A similar free tour of America and England may also be conducted and those touring these countries should also see for themselves how far Islam is free in those countries. The Communist friends never agree to this very simple proposal. They only meet it with complete silence and the shrugging of shoulders, thus masking their mental discomfort. They do not come to see me again.

I place this proposal before my honorable Iranian friend also. He holds a very high and respectable position in his country and he lives near the Russian

border. There are also to be found many very highly placed Russian representatives in Iran. Let them send one of their representatives in Pakistan with my representatives to Russia. They should be allowed to move about the country freely as my representatives move about freely in America, England and France. Only my representatives may be allowed to talk to Russian Muslims in private, the Communist representative then leaving them alone. The rest of the tour may be conducted by the two parties together. Though I have no political status in America or England, yet I can promise permission for such a tour. I know the laws of these countries and I know also that when they give our representatives a tourist passport they will place no obstacles in the way of such a tour. I am sure they will be allowed free access to all places of interest and see things for themselves with the exception, of course, of military secrets, which are rightly regarded as sacrosanct in Russia as in other countries and which need not be inspected. This is the only criterion by which the real conditions prevailing in Communist and non-Communist countries can be rightly gauged and tested. The rest is mere jugglery of words by which people can be easily misled and made to believe anything.

#### THE CHOICE BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND DEMOCRACY

Certainly I should not be understood to mean that Western countries treat us like brothers. Most assuredly they are exploiting Muslim countries. He who dares say that their interference in the political affairs and trade interests of these countries is out of sympathetic motives is either a fool or a knave. In spite of their friendly professions we shall continue to fight them till Muslim countries throw off their yoke and gain full liberty. But despite all this when we have to choose between Communism and Western Democracy we shall choose the latter because Western Democracy gives us religious freedom but Communism does not and also because Western Democratic countries seem to have completed their decreed span of life and have grown old and decrepit and are about to end their days. America, no doubt, is young and vigorous but America does not seek political domination, but only economic and financial domination. Compared with Western Democracy, Communism is young and determined to keep us enslaved for several hundred years to come. We would be veritable fools if we choose to exchange enslavement to an old and dying master with enslavement to a strong and stout youth. The old man will die in a short time but the young man will rule over us for many long years to come. Let him who prefers his chains of slavery to continue for a long time choose a young man for his master. I, for one, will try to break the chains which bind me to the old master but will refuse to accept the assistance of the young slave-dealer who offers me help in freeing myself from the old slave-driver so that I may become his slave instead.

I know it for certain that Islam shall win in the long run and I know also that anti-Islamic countries have already ruled over and kept us in chains for too long. God's jealousy has become excited and the dominion of the greatest and noblest of all the Prophets of God, Muhammad, (peace and blessings of God be upon him) shall now be established in the world. The enemies of God shall be destroyed and extirpated, no matter how many nations offer to help and support them. We shall not give up God and no worldly considerations shall make us come to terms with His enemies. Our God is our greatest wealth and we shall never part with this Wealth. We shall break the chains that hold our country in slavery and shall accept no bondage but that of God. We shall not cut our own nose to spite the face of our enemy. We are convinced that in this way we shall win complete freedom for our countries and shall also keep our nose intact.

For all their military might and material wealth, England and America shall one day be compelled to submit to the spiritual power of Islam. This is God's decree. The day is sure to come when, putting aside their spirit of bargaining, the Americans will extend to us their hand of love and peace, nay the hand of belief and brotherliness. That indeed will be a blessed day for mankind and an auspicious hour. Our God will again take His seat on the Throne of His Glory and Majesty and again the flag of our Noble Prophet will fly high in the air. The Message of Peace and Goodwill that the Holy Prophet gave to the world shall spread again to the ends of the earth and find place in the hearts of men. The accusing tongues of his enemies shall be silenced. They shall confess to their mortification that they had made futile efforts to throw mud at God's exalted Messenger and His Elect and shall repent of their evil deeds. May that day dawn in our own lives and may I and my honorable Iranian friend be spared to witness it! How blessed will be that day and how happy that hour!

#### AN APPEAL TO THE WEST

In the end I draw the attention of the peoples of the West, especially that of educated Americans and political thinkers, that they should effect a change in their views and attitude towards Islamic countries. That highly respectable Iranian leader to whose letter I have referred above is no fire-eating stormy petrel but a seasoned and experienced gentleman and is regarded as a sane leader of moderate views in his own country. His letter indicates that the exploitation and victimization of Eastern nations by the peoples of the West have wounded the hearts of the former and hurt their national self-respect in the extreme. Let Western peoples realize that it is high time they make new friends and not make new enemies. The Muslims of Iran, Palestine, Egypt, Tunis, Algeria and Morocco will not take lying down the inhuman treatment that is being meted out to them in these countries. The humiliating state-

of enslavement to which they have remained subject for a long time was the result of their own negligence, ignorance and lack of self-respect. But the changes that are now following in the wake of Communism unmistakably show that Muslims whom God had deprived of their sword are destined to win back their freedom by another people's sword.

My American friends! Look to the pointing finger of God and do not ignore it. Palestine, no doubt, is very weak, and so are Egypt, Iran, Tunis, Algeria and Morocco, but know it for certain, Ye believers in Jesus Christ, that God, the Creator and Master of the Universe, is not weak. Where are they who put Jesus on the cross? How humiliating and disgraceful it is for the Jews that they are today entering Palestine with the help which they solicited with folded hands from the followers of him whom they sought to kill by putting him on the cross! Does not this fact constitute a great lesson for any one who may pause and think? Are not the Jews being crucified today on the cross of their national honor and self-respect for the heinous crime which their forefathers committed many centuries ago? Do you wish to see the same miracle repeated? Just think about your own countries. Would you like your people to be subjected to the same inhuman and cruel treatment which is being meted out to Muslims in Egypt, Palestine, Tunis, Algeria and Morocco? If not, then why have you forgotten the noble saying of your Master Jesus Christ, *viz.* "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (*Luke 6:31*). Know that time has taken a critical turn. Come and join us to save the honor of God and His religion and the peace of your own countries.

May God open your eyes and may He give us the power and opportunity to work together for the achievement of that great and noble goal about which the prophets of God have been prophesying for centuries past.

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Men will be liars toward the end of the world; and will relate such stories as neither you nor your fathers ever heard. Then avoid them, that they may not lead you astray and throw you into contention and strife.

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I am no more than a man; when I order anything respecting religion, receive it, and when I order you anything about the affairs of the world, then I am nothing more than a man.

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The greatest enemies of God are those who are entered into Islam, and do acts of infidelity, and who, without cause, shed the blood of man.

*(The Holy Prophet)*

